(e) Apart from instructions issued in this regard, the bank has increased the staff strength at the branch to ensure improved customer service.

(f) and (g) According to the bank, no fraud or irregularity leading to fraud has come to light at the branch between 1987 and 1991, till date.

Amount sanctioned under Agricultural and Rural Debt Relief Scheme to Maharashtra

4110. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of farmers benefited under the "Agricultural and Rural Debt Relief Scheme, 1990" till date in Maharashtra, district-wise;

(b) the amount sanctioned under the Scheme to Maharashtra and the amount released, till date; and

(c) when the remaining amount is likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The data reporting system does not generate district-wise or separate category-wise break-up of relief provided to beneficiaries under the Agricultural and Rural Debt Relief (ARDR) Scheme, 1990. The beneficiaries under the Scheme are, farmers, artisans and weavers in rural areas. The total number of beneficiaries including farmers provided with debt relief under the Scheme by all credit institutions in the State of Maharashtra as on 12-8-1991 was 28,75,337.

(b) and (c) The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has reported that a sum of Rs. 134.13 crores and Rs. 40.31 crores has been sanctioned and released to Maharashtra State Co-operative Bank (MSCB) and Maharashtra State Land Development Bank (MSLDB), respectively, as fifty percent share of Government of India for implementation of the ARDR Scheme in that State for co-operative banks. NABARD has also sanctioned and released a sum of Rs. 134.13 crores to MSCB and Rs. 40.31 crores to MSLDB as loan towards the State Government's share of fifty percent of debt relief cost. NABARD has also sanctioned Rs. 12.75 crores and released Rs. 10.32 crores to the Regional Rural Banks in the State of Maharashtra. It is expected that the remaining amount will be provided in the current and the next financial year.

Construction of Four Lane Road on Bhubaneswar-Cuttack-Jagatpur Section of National Highway No. 5

4111. SHRI SIVAJI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to construct a four lane road on the Bhubaneswar-Cuttack-Jagatpur Section of National Highway No. 5 in Orissa;

(b) if so, when the project is likely to be taken up;

(c) whether there is any proposal to have the World Bank assistance for this project; and

(d) if so, the details therof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. This project costing about Rs. 113 crores